

174th Street Becomes Speed Trap, Residents Claim

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WEATHER

Low clouds and local fog is predicted for this morning by the Weather Bureau, but otherwise today should be mostly clear with little change in temperature and a high of around 82 degrees.

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Meter Quiz Tops Council Agenda



MOM GRADUATES . . . Mrs. Bernice E. Moshos draws admiring glances from husband Dr. Don C. Moshos (seated at right) and family of five as she displays her A.A. degree in commerce and accounting, granted from Harbor Junior College last Thursday. Donnie, 14, and Don C. Jr., 10, stand behind mom's chair; Dennis and Donna, 8-year-old twins, are seated at left and right, respectively; and six-year-old Donella is seated at left.

R. J. Deininger Resigns From Planning Body

The resignation of R. J. Deininger from the Torrance Planning Commission was received with regrets by the Commission Wednesday night. Deininger, who belonged to the Commission during the years of Torrance, most explosive growth, gave ill health as the reason for his resignation. In a letter to the Commission, he stated that he will always be willing to help in the future and that "Torrance planning always will be close to my heart."

Commission Chairman Beverly Smith paid tribute to Deininger as a "good, faithful worker," during his years in helping plan the city.

Order Street Lights For Weston Hills

The Weston Hills tract will get street lights soon. City Manager George Stevens announced Thursday that street lights have been ordered from the Southern California Edison Co. for the Walteria tract and will be installed in the near future.

A long battle by residents of the area to have lights installed at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. also is over. A light will be installed at the intersection, where darkness has long been a traffic hazard. The city had been trying to have the state install signals at the location. About 25 street lights will be installed to provide illumination for intersections and the middle of long blocks, Stevens stated.

Mother of Five Given Diploma

Most mothers with five children would feel that they have their hands full already, with no time for "outside the family" activities, but not so Bernice E. (Mrs. Don C.) Moshos. Wife of the local M.D., who dropped out of school when he went into medicine, took time out from household duties to attend Harbor Junior College and got a degree of her own last Thursday while the five youngsters looked on. The kids were especially proud of mom, for in addition to the Associate of Arts degree in commerce and accounting, she had such high marks that she received a membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma, which signifies excellence in scholarship. The 38-year-old woman plans to complete her course in commerce and accounting at Long Beach State College in the next two years. "A Little Rough" Mrs. Moshos admits, "to keep up a house and classes at the same time, but Donnie (that's the

Blood Bank Due Monday

June visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Torrance is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 7:30. Torrance area residents were reminded yesterday by Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman for the Torrance Red Cross. With a quota of 250 pints of whole blood, volunteers have been busy this week lining up donor parties and groups to contribute to the drive tomorrow. At the last visit of the unit, Torrance contributed 262 pints for a new record, Mrs. Jones said.

County Recreation

Creation of a five-member county recreation commission was given the green light this week by action of the County Board of Supervisors. The plan offered by Supervisor Burton W. Chace proposed to have the citizen group appointed by individual supervisors.

Residents Ask To Join City Water Service

A petition will be presented to the City Council next Tuesday evening by 60 homeowners of Arlington Plaza to annex them into the Torrance Municipal Water District. At last count residents say that all but six had signed. For the past three years this small community, which is located at 190th St. and Arlington Ave., has been a member of the Moneta Water District. During this time, the residents claim, they have had unsatisfactory service from the Moneta firm. The three main complaints of these people are: 1. The water pressure is too low. 2. The taste of the water

has carried some sediment. It is said that this is caused by its slow circulation. Three—Another thing that has the people worried is the fire hazard possibility. Due to the low pressure, it would prevent any control of a fire that might break out. Booster Promised At one time the people went to the Moneta officials to see if they could work out their problems. The water company promised them a booster pump for higher pressure and better service in the future. Up to date all they have received is a hike in prices. Two years ago a group of citizens tried to appeal their case



LINE FORMS TO REAR . . . When cars pull out of coveted parking places in downtown Torrance, other autos line up in neat rows to claim the empty space, as above.

A hearing will be held Tuesday at the City Hall on a new parking meter ordinance which many hope will relieve the situation.

Police Wait for State To Post Speed Limits

Cars zooming down the newly opened section of 174th St. between Hawthorne and Crenshaw Blvds. at speeds up to 100 mph have turned the street into a "death trap" for children, it was charged yesterday. 174th St., a four-lane divided road, falls under the jurisdiction of the state because it is classed as a highway. Unfortunately, the state has not gotten around to posting speed limits through the residential areas crossed by the road. Torrance police, who have received many complaints since the new street was opened, are reluctant to issue citations in the area until the state decides what the speed limit shall be. According to the Vehicle Code, the speed limit in a residential area shall be 25 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. The speed limit on a highway is 55 mph. Test Cars on Stretch Residents along the street claim that drivers, tempted by the long, smooth stretch, use 174th to "see what their cars can do." With so many children living just a few feet from this roaring parade, accidents are bound to happen, Alfred E. Marques, of 4018 W. 174th St., complained yesterday. "One of the accidents may be my kid," he said. May Start Petition Marques, who has three children, stated that he may start a petition of residents to get the speed laws enforced unless something is done soon. He told the Herald that he witnessed a small sports car zoom down 174th "doing 100 miles per hour," at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when children were playing in their front yards. Luckily, he said, the speeder got a green light at Prairie Ave. "I hope this won't turn into a situation where they lock the barn door after the horse is stolen," Marques said. The Torrance police have stated: "We're issuing citations right and left. What we need is more policemen, and we need them bad."

508 Lots In Kauffman Tract Passed

A 508-lot segment of the huge Kauffman tract at 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. was sent to the City Council for approval by the Planning Commission Wednesday night with the stipulation that all sumps in the area be fenced. The Milton Kauffman Construction Co. eventually plans to build about 2500 homes in the area. Their final tract map 19103, covering an area west of tract 19101 and south of the Southern California Edison Co. right-of-way south of 190th St., containing 508 lots, was OK'd by the planners. The proviso was added, however, that builders must construct a five-and-a-half-foot steel fence topped by a foot of barbed wire around sumps in the tract.

Parking Hearing Tuesday

Parking meters and hospital expansions will top an agenda for the City Council Tuesday evening—an agenda which might keep the city fathers up until the witching hour. Scheduled to be the highlight of the evening's agenda is an informal hearing on a proposal to readopt a parking meter ordinance here and install about 400 parking meters in the downtown section. Opponents and those favoring the move are expected to be on hand to air their views on the matter. Another matter which has been attracting public interest is the request of the Torrance Memorial Hospital for a variance and conditional permit to build two wings onto the front of the present Egracia Ave. structure. Opposing the request has been the Nativity Catholic Church.

OK'd By Planners The petition has been approved by the Planning Commission and was held over for two weeks at the council's June 8 meeting. Also on tap for the Councilmen to consider is a petition from homeowners in the Arlington Plaza area asking that their tract be annexed to the Torrance Municipal Water District. They are now seeking a variance and conditional permit to build two wings onto the front of the present Egracia Ave. structure. Opposing the request has been the Nativity Catholic Church.

Name Manager For Rome Cable

Glenn Koger has been appointed manager of the Torrance plant of Rome Cable Corp., it was learned yesterday. Koger, who is expected to arrive at the plant July 6, will succeed Gilbert Woodill, who has been acting manager of the plant for a number of years. Woodill was elected assistant treasurer of the firm. Announcement of the assignment was made at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the corporation in Rome, N. Y., last Wednesday. A. D. R. Fra-

Walteria Lake

Hearing Set On Restricted Zone

First hearing on the proposed formation of a building restriction zone in the Walteria Lake area has been set for July 7 by the Planning Commission. The proposed restriction zone is to be formed for the purpose of allowing the construction of a retention basin to aid in the drainage of the area, which floods in the rainy season. The retention basin, which will cover 50 acres, will be constructed by the City of Torrance. It is necessary because of the Lomita storm drain, to be constructed by the county, is not of sufficient size to carry the total amount of run-off water. This run-off will be retained until the water in the county area goes down enough to allow the drain to operate. Boundaries Told The restriction zone is bounded on the north by the proposed extension of Lomita Blvd.; on the south by a line running roughly 600 feet from and parallel to Pacific Coast Hwy., which cuts into 238th St.; on the east by Madison St.; and on the west by a line near Calle Mayor. The zone will not affect the

Park Walkway Plan Denied

Because of danger to children, a request to make an entrance to El Retiro Park into a road for vehicles was denied Wednesday by the Planning Commission. A letter from Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem extending the change was read to the commission. The walkway under discussion is a 20-ft. wide strip presently used as one of three entrances into the park. The request to allow vehicles to use the road came from the owner of some adjacent apartments. He did not elaborate on plans for the Torrance plant.

Fireworks Illegal in L.A. City Limits

Assistant Chief Ronald T. Robertson said yesterday that the use, possession or sale of any type of fireworks within the city limits of Los Angeles is strictly prohibited by law.